At this moment, I admit to NOT having read the lengthy <u>Draft Energy</u> <u>Strategy</u> document posted on the OEP Web site. I am instead passing on comments based primarily on the 'My Turn' opinion published by the Concord Monitor [on July 12, 2014]...

Note my opinion that a 'dead end road' would the the optimum outcome for the Northern Pass Proposal, as it would be a discouraging factor (however slight) for further development of massive hydroelectric projects in northern Quebec. Burial of the power line is a second best alternative, particularly since the project is designed to enrich investors in major utility companies as they pass this power along to industries and consumers in Southern New England!

Instead, I favor two very different kinds of efforts:

- A focus on domestic and industrial energy conservation similar to <u>Efficiency</u> Vermont
- A focus upon small and intermediate scale renewable power projects such as:
 - O Solar panels and windmills that generate power and/or heat hot water that are mounted on roof tops and the like.
 - Larger solar panel farms and windmills located on landfills and similar unnatural sites that can't be used for other purposes.
 - Tiny power plants that utilize methane gas from dairy farm manure piles, landfills and the like.
 - Wind farms located on unimportant mountains such as Tenney Mountain in Groton and thus visable from Route 25 in West Plymouth and Rumney.

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